



SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
**Listen to God during
Mass**
Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass Readings

Jeremiah 20: 7 – 9;
Psalm 62;
Romans 12: 1-2
Matthew 16: 21-27

This Week 30th August - 6th September (Psalter Week 2)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 30th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am George Mason (MM) 6.00 pm For the families of the Parish	
Monday 31st August Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Oliver Andrade RIP (KA)	
Tuesday 1st September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Alan Francis (BB)	
Wednesday 2nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Colum MacCourt (BB)	
Thursday 3rd September Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am Cynthia & John Sharkey (CP)	
Friday 4th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Fr. Xavier Telakkat RIP	
Saturday 5th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Frank & Molly Quigley RIP & John & Ruby Martin RIP (I & MM)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 6th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Charlotte George & Francis Dodd 10.30 am Mr. Varghies Davasia RIP 6.00 pm Fr. Xavier SCJ RIP	

"If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' (paragraph 11)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

For you my soul is thirsting , O Lord my God.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Colum MacCourt, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & Jeannie Young.

Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If you would like your name to be included in this list please contact Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS

The normal Mass timetable has now resumed. Please check the newsletter and website for any changes to the Mass timetable. **Please note that Mass will be at 10.00 am on Monday 31st August.** All are welcome to attend either Sunday, Saturday or weekday Masses. There will be stewards at the entrance to welcome you and at the exit to guide you. We want to make the effort to accommodate the maximum number people with social distancing in the church, however, the number in church is limited to 80. Holy Communion will be distributed only in hand in One Kind. Please follow the instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you. Thank you, Fr. George Mathew SCJ .

NOTES FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS

When coming to Mass on a Sunday, it would be helpful if you would please keep in mind the following:

- Wear a face covering unless you are in a category exempted by the UK Government. Please note that wearing of a face covering in places of worship is a legal requirement from Saturday 8th August. Details of those who are exempted by law can be found [here](#).
- Make use of the hand sanitiser on entering.
- To sit on the R/H side of the church, access by way of the R/H side aisle. To sit on the L/H side of the church, access by way of the centre aisle.
- On entering an empty pew, pass to its far L/H end.
- A pew will accommodate 3 singletons or 1 singleton and 1 couple or families may make use of an entire bench.
- After Communion, return to your seat by way of the side aisle that is adjacent to your seat.
- At the end of Mass, stewards will indicate the order in which the congregation will leave the church. You do not have to leave immediately but remember that the cleaners have work to do before the next Mass.
- Please sanitise your hands on the way out.

SACRED HEART ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missionary Work in India will take place in Droitwich **on Saturday 26th September at 2.00 pm.** Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ will be participating in the Droitwich Canal Walk. If you would like to support this fund raising effort, there are sponsorship forms and gift aid envelopes available at the back of church to sponsor and support them. If you would like to join this walk please speak to Fr George or Brother Patrick. Please join Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ to support the Sacred Heart Missionary work in India. For further details please speak to Fr. George or Br. Patrick. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish Secretary is now back in the office on Friday mornings and can be contacted via telephone on 01905 773258 on this day. Please continue to use phone and email if possible to minimise in person visits. For the remainder of the week the Parish Secretary continues to work from home.

REFUGEE ITEMS

People in Motion have recently resumed collecting items, so if you have been storing articles at home please bring them to church and they will be forwarded on to the organisation. Thank you so much for the beautiful knitted hats, scarves and exquisite scarf & glove sets recently donated. A massive thank you also for the vast amount of new underwear. Your kindness will mean so much to the refugees.

COUNTERS

Due to Covid-19, some of the volunteers who would usually assist with counting the Sunday offertory are unable to do so. If anyone is able to help or would like further information please could you contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC SATELLITE TV (EWTN)

Catholic Satellite TV(EWTN) on Sky TV channel 588, broadcasts daily Mass at 1.00 pm, 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm and it has 24 hours of different programs which will be helpful for us all in this time. EWTN is also available on other digital platforms.

ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

St. Chad's is continuing to live stream Masses. Please visit <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> for days and times. A list of all parishes in the Archdiocese offering online Masses can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

FOODBANK

Foodbank would be very grateful for any donations. A new wish list is on the parish website. Whilst we are still not collecting at the Sacred Heart Church there are collection points in Droitwich at Waitrose and Morrisons. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHURCH STEWARDS

A new rota has been issued via email for the weeks commencing Mondays 24th and 31st August and Monday 7th September. Please contact the Parish Secretary if you have not received a copy. Thank you for your continued help.

DROITWICH CATENIANS

Fellow Catholic parishioners – please come and join us!

The Catenians are a Catholic association for men and their families, strengthening family life through friendship and faith. Our Droitwich Circle welcomes new members. For further information, contact **Mike Nott** on **07756 876269**.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Online donations can be made at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work> and would be gratefully received. Please select Droitwich if you wish to donate to the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.



Main Collection:
£214.77

Gift Aid: £227.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday (church
capacity with social
distancing 1m + = 80)

8.30 am: 62

10.30 am: 51

6.00 pm: 38

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

DROITWICH SVP

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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Ezekial 33: 7 – 9;

Psalm 94;

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.

REFLECTION

Fr. George's Reflection should be available via email and on the website early next week and/or possibly at Mass today. We apologise for the delay in distributing this to you.

SPONSORED EVENTS FOR MARCH FOR LIFE

On the Friday 28th August Peter Hartley climbed the highest mountain in England, Scafell Pike. If you would like to sponsor Peter, please contact him at phartley@protonmail.com. John Hartley will be taking on the 'Fan Dance' 24km endurance challenge in the Brecon Beacons. If you would like to sponsor John please contact him on 07708188108 or hartley.jdr@pm.me. Your support would be gratefully received. All money raised will go to March for Life UK to aid them in their mission to unite the Pro-Life movement and bring an end to abortion in the UK.

FR. HUDSON'S ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION 2020

On Sunday 27th September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

USEFUL LINKS

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

CAFOD

www.cafod.org.uk.

VATICAN WEBSITE

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

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